

REMARKS

Claims 2, 5, 9, and 10 are pending in this application. By this Supplemental Amendment, Claims 1, 3, 4, and 6-8 are canceled without prejudice. In an effort to expedite prosecution of this matter, Applicant is canceling the rejected claims without prejudice so that the allowed claims will issue.

Applicant has responded to all of the rejections and objections recited in the Office Action. Reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance for all of the pending claims are therefore respectfully requested.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

If the Examiner believes an interview would be of assistance, the Examiner is welcome to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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